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Morton Grove Public Library

Your Library Card is Your Ticket to the World ...

...the world of information. Your library card enables you to use over 100,000 books, and every month hundreds of new books, videotapes, and CDs are added to the collection. • You can check out all of these as well as cassettes, audiobooks, and CD-ROMs. • Join Thinking Out Loud, the Library's monthly book discussion group, where you can share ideas and reactions to a selected book. • Part of keeping up with the Information Age means learning about technology. The Library offers computer training classes from beginning to advanced levels, as well as free access to word processors and the Internet. • In addition, a variety of programs for adults and children are offered throughout the year, including concerts, story-telling, travelogs, plays, puppet shows, and more. Use your Library card to tour the world of information.

Be sure to visit during National Library Week April 11 through 17th to see what's happening at your library!

Chicago Botanic Garden Lectures at the Library

Contain This! Container Gardening: **Thursday, March 25 at 7:00 pm**

Learn how to create colorful floral and foliage combinations and how to grow fruits and vegetables in containers.

Superb Sensations- Herb Gardening: **Wednesday, April 21 at 7:00 pm**

There are many rewards to herb gardening. Enhance your garden with attractive foliage, wonderful scents, and edible plants.

Registration information: Registration is limited to 100 for each of the lectures. Priority will be given to Morton Grove residents with a valid library card. Non-residents may sign up on a waiting list and will be notified by phone if space is available. Call 965-4220 or stop by the Reader's Service Desk to register.

MG Park District Jazz Band Concert

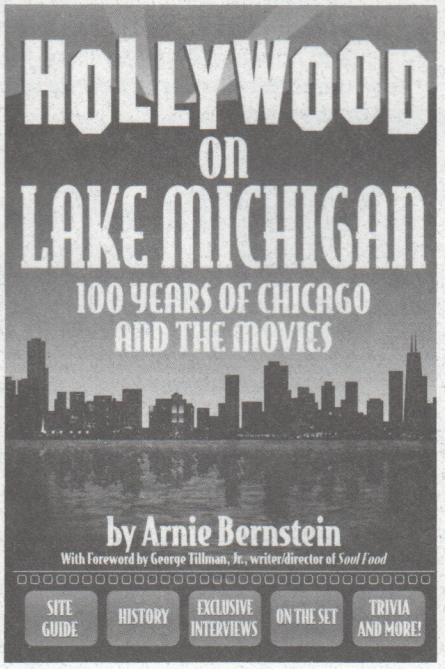
Sunday, March 21 at 2 pm

Snap your fingers and tap your toes as Ron Surace leads this 17-piece orchestra dedicated to the art of big band jazz performances.

Chicago in the Movies

Sunday, March 14th at 2 pm.

Arnie Bernstein, a native of Morton Grove and alumnus of Niles West, will discuss his book, *Hollywood on Lake Michigan* and show excerpts of films made in Chicago.



Animal Kingdom Show

Saturday, February 20 at 2 pm:

The public is invited to see live animals in a show put on by Bob Hoffmann, an animal trainer extraordinaire!

A raffle drawing will be held at the end of the show for Reading Patch Club members. Winners must be present to collect their prizes.

MGPL Hours

Mon.-Thurs. 9 - 9
Fri. 9 - 6, Sat. 9 - 5
Sun. (Sept.-May) 1-5

Closed April 4, Easter Sunday

Mark your calendar!

Calendar Summary

March			
3/2	Tu	11:30	Lunchtime Videos
3/3	We	7 pm	The Internet in Russian
3/4	Th	7:30	Basic Internet
3/6	Sa	2 pm	Gustave Moreau
3/8	Mo	11:00, 2:30, 7:00	Feature Film: *Enemy of the State* (R) 132 min.
3/9	Tu	11:30	Lunchtime Videos
3/11	Th	7 pm	Advanced Windows
3/11	Th	7:45	Library Board Meeting
3/13	Sa	2 pm	*You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*
3/14	Su	2 pm	Book Talk: Arnie Bernstein
3/16	Tu	11:30	Lunchtime Videos
3/21	Su	2 pm	Morton Grove Park District Jazz Band Concert
3/21	Tu	11:30	Lunchtime Videos
3/23	Tu	7:30 pm	Thinking Out Loud: Book Discussion *Larry's Party*
3/25	Th	7 pm	Contain This! Container Gardening
April			
4/4	Su		Closed for Easter Sunday
4/6	Tu	11:30	Lunchtime Videos
4/8	Th	7:45	Library Board Meeting
4/11-17			National Library Week
4/12	Mo	11:00, 2:30, 7:00	Feature Film: *Waking Ned Devine* (PG) 95 minutes
4/17	Sa	2 pm	Walk About Puppets
4/18	Su	2 pm	Songs of Love and Life
4/20	Tu	11:30	Lunchtime Videos
4/21	We	7 pm	Superb Sensations: Herb Gardening
4/27	Tu	11:30	Lunchtime Videos
4/27	Tu	7:30	Thinking Out Loud Book Discussion: *Old Books, Rare Friends: Two Literary Sleuths and Their Shared Passions*

Check our complete calendar on the Web at http://www.webrary.org/inside/calcurr.html

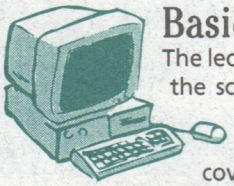
Programs

Computer Classes at the Library

Registration for the following computer training programs is limited. Priority is given to Morton Grove residents. Where noted, additional pre-requisites apply. To register, call 965-4220 or sign-up at the Reader's Service Desk. Please have your Library card number when you call to register.

The Internet in Russian, **Wednesday, March 3 at 7 pm**

Using the Library's Russian Web site, Librarian Natalya Fishman will give a presentation in Russian on how to use the Internet. Registration began February 1st. Please call 965-4220 to register or sign-up at the Reader's Service desk.



Basic Internet, **Thursday, March 4 at 7:30 pm**

The lecture on March 4 will cover a brief history, basic terminology, and the scope of information available on the Internet. Those who attend this introductory lecture and demonstration will be eligible to register for an intermediate level, hands-on tutoring session covering basic navigational skills to be scheduled later in March. Registration is limited to 50 and begins February 15. This class is open only to Morton Grove residents with a valid Library card.

Advanced Windows, **Thursday, March 11 at 7 pm**

Join Jennifer Didier for this information-packed hour where you will learn some of the advanced features of Windows 95. Understand the importance of Windows Explorer; learn how to maintain diagnostics on your system by using scandisk and disk defragmenter; learn how to install new programs and create new icons. Registration is limited to 100; this is an advanced level class requiring sufficient computer expertise. Priority will be given to Morton Grove residents with a valid Library card. Non-residents can sign-up on a waiting list and will be called if there is space available.

Electronic -mail, **Thursday, April 22 at 7 pm**

E-mail is the communication highway of the future. Join us in this exploration of setting up an e-mail account, the basics of sending and receiving e-mail, and how to send attachment files. Registration is limited to 100 for this introductory level course. Priority will be given to Morton Grove residents with a valid Library card.

Lunch Time Videos

Pack a brown-bag lunch and head to the Library every **Tuesday at 11:30 a.m.** for Lunch Time Videos. Travel to far-away places, listen to thought-provoking discussions or meet historical figures during this $1\frac{1}{2}$ hour video program. Coffee, ice water, and sweet treats are provided.

Book Discussion Group

Thinking Out Loud, the Library's book discussion group, meets **March 23** to discuss *Larry's Party* by Carol Shields. Copies of the book are available on a first-come, first-serve basis at the Reader's Service Desk.

On **April 27,** Leona Rostenberg and Madeline Stern's *Old Books, Rare Friends: Two Literary Sleuths and Their Shared Passions* will be discussed.

Kids Programs

Calling All Artists!

Entries will be accepted through June 1st for the Library's 26th Annual Children's Art Contest. Morton Grove residents, pre-school through 6th grade, may submit original artwork (any medium) on unlined paper. Winning entries will be exhibited in the east stairwell until June, 2000. Additional information is available in the Children's Room.

You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown

Saturday, March 13 at 2:00 pm
Bring the whole family to enjoy musical entertainment based on the comic strip *Peanuts* by Charles

Walk About Puppets

Saturday, April 17 at 2 pm
Come see handmade puppets 1 to 10 feet tall and laugh as they perform *Topsy Turvy Tales*, traditional fairy tales with a twist.

Battle of the Books for 7th and 8th graders begins soon!

The schedule will be posted on the Baxter Room door.

"My Mother" Writing Contest Begins April 1

In honor of Mother's Day, children are invited to enter original poems, essays, and stories about their mothers or grandmothers in a contest beginning April 1st. **All entries must be submitted by May 1st.** Winners will be announced at a special program to be held May 8.

Additional information is available at the Children's Room desk.

Wanted: Kids' Collections for Children's Room Display Case

Do you have a hobby or collection that you would like to share with others? Show off your collection in the Children's Room display case!

Recent displays have included key chains, sea shells, dolls, handmade dollclothes, and artifacts from foreign countries. Each collection will be on display for two weeks. There are two locked, glass cases available. Your display is identified with a card indicating your name, grade, and school.

Call or stop by the Children's Room to talk with Mrs. Copeland or Mrs. Rund for more information.

Children's Classes

Spring session begins the week of March 22, 1999. Enrollment is limited. Open enrollment begins March 1st for Morton Grove residents and March 8th for non-residents. Phone registrations will be taken after 9:30 am on March 1st.

Library Playtime for 2 1/2-Year-Olds & Parents
Thursday 10:30 am
Class limit – 12 children, 12 parents

Pre-School Storytime
Please choose one of the following times for ages 3-Kindergarten:
Wednesday 10:00 am
Thursday 6:45 pm
Class limit – 30

Stories & Stuff
Grades 1-2
Monday 7:00 pm
Class limit – 12

Arts & Crafts
Grades 1-3 Mon. 4 pm
Grades 4-6 Fri. 4 pm
Class limit – 15

Creative Writing
Please choose one of the following:
Grades 2-6
Wed. or Thurs. 4 pm
Class limit - 40
There will be no creative writing classes April 7, 8, 14, and 15; the course will be extended to include May 19, 20, 26 & 27.

Drop-in Storytime
Tuesdays at 1:30. No registration.

Gustave Moreau Slide Talk

Saturday, March 6 at 2 pm

Join Lee Gibbs for a fascinating look at the colorful and historical paintings of French Symbolist, Gustave Moreau. Moreau's work is known for its detailed imagery, vibrant colors, rich textures, and historical themes.

Storytelling for All Ages

Sunday, April 11 at 2 pm

Bring the whole family to help us celebrate National Library Week! Esther Williams-Hayes will entertain you with stories, poems and songs for all ages.

Films

Enemy of the State,

Action thriller -rated R, 132 minutes Monday, March 8 at 11:00 am, 2:30 pm and 7:00 pm. Will Smith plays the part of an attorney who is framed for murder by a corrupt intelligence official played by Jon Voight. The only hope to prove the attorney's innocence is with a mysterious underground information broker known only as Brill (Gene Hackman).

Waking Ned Devine,

Comedy -rated PG, 95 minutes: Monday, April 12 at 11:00 am, 2:30 pm and 7:00 pm. Jackie O'Shea and Michael O'Sullivan are life-long friends who are obsessed with winning the national lottery. They learn that someone in their small town has a winning ticket so they go looking for the winner. Can they convince the winner to share the earnings with them?

New CD's at the Library include:

Dirty Boogie by the Brian Setzer Orchestra

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy

Up by REM

Spirit by Jewel

VH1 Divas Live

The Globe Sessions by Sheryl Crow

Computer Training Resources

If you need additional assistance or computer consultation, the Reader's Service Desk keeps a notebook of local organizations/agencies that provide fee-based training and consultation.

The Library does not endorse the businesses or organization on the list but contact information has been verified. Patrons can review the notebook of brochures and printed materials provided by the vendors.

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Reference Round-up

Are You in the Market for a New or Used Vehicle?

If you've been thinking of buying or selling a car or small truck, the Library's reference collection can offer valuable help in researching the price, features, cost of operation, and repair history of both new and used models.

For new car buyers, the April issue of *Consumer Reports* is devoted to reviews of new models. Copies are available in the Magazine Room and in the Reference Department.

Edmund's New Cars: Prices and Reviews, updated quarterly, lists current prices for new models. For vans, pick-ups, and sport utility vehicles, see *Edmund's New Trucks Prices and Reviews.*

Car expert Jack Gillis publishes two books annually: *The Car Book* and *The Used Car Book*. Both contain one-page car profiles/reviews of cars and minivans along with useful comparisons with similar models from other auto makers.

Buying or selling a used car? *The Automobile Red Book* is our primary source for prices covering the last twenty model years for cars, vans, and light trucks. It's updated every six weeks for the very latest information.

The Complete Car Cost Guide and *The Complete Small Truck Cost Guide* provide valuable information about all costs associated with car purchase, lease, operation, maintenance, and insurance. Each annual edition includes cost profiles of all vehicle models.

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